

SENATE, November 9, 1864.—Referred to Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

[By Mr. GARLAND.]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas suggesting certain amendments to the act of Congress of February 17, 1864, entitled "An Act to organize forces to serve during the war."

WHEREAS, The law of the Confederate Congress, of the 17th February, 1864, provides for the exemption of farmers and planters from military service, under certain restrictions and regulations, some of which, under the instructions of the Commissioner, are extremely onerous and detrimental, both to the Government and farmers, particularly, restricting them from the sale, barter or exchange of their articles of produce, or any portion thereof, under any circumstances, to any persons other than soldiers' families, thereby preventing them from procuring the absolutely necessary articles to carry on their respective farms or plantations, such as salt, iron, and other indispensable articles, which it is now impossible to procure in the present depreciation of the currency, except by barter and exchange: therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, That our Senators in the Confederate Congress be instructed, and our Representatives be requested, to use their best exertions to amend said act, so as to enable the detailed farmers and planters to use so much of their products, by sale, barter or exchange, as may be necessary to procure for their several farms or plantations the necessary quantity of salt, iron, &c., under such limitations and restrictions as they shall deem proper and right, to secure to the Government and soldiers' families the greatest amount of agricultural products.

Approved: October 1, 1864.

